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allowance for such increase while constructing new calingulas. The possibility of draining the Kaliveli—a natural lake near the coast which is a perpetual nuisance to the surrounding villages is being examined by the Public Works Department.

General—Paragraph 3 of the Board's Reference.—Free grants of palmyra trees have already been granted as stated against paragraph 5 in deserving cases and no further grant is reported to be necessary. No trees need be supplied at cost price to those rendered homeless but not too poor to pay for reasons stated against 6 (i) (*b*).

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to question No. 202-A asked by Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1931, page 468, supra.]

I

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement,) No. R. 6976/30-2, dated 7th January 1931.

READ—the following paper :—

Letter from T. B. RUSSELL, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of North Arcot, Vellore, dated the 23rd December 1930, Ref. No. E. 8–14968/30.

[Floods—Palar and Cheyyar rivers—Report submitted.]

There was heavy rainfall with cyclonic winds on the 29th November last and the night previous to it, in Vellore, Cheyyar, Wandiwash, Wallajah and Polur taluks, the record of rainfall ranging from 6 to 14 inches, the latter in Vellore town. About 287 irrigation sources (166 Minor Irrigation and 121 Public Works Department sources) in the above five taluks breached, as a result of the storm, also about 28 tanks in the Arni estate. The heavy rainfall coupled with the discharge from the breached tanks brought down heavy floods in the Palar, Cheyyar and Poiney rivers. Luckily, for the villages adjoining the banks of the Palar the floods in it did not rise, as there were no breaches of tanks in the upper Palar in Mysore.

2. As a result of the floods, the South Indian Railway line near Vellore, breached and the flood banks constructed by the Public Works Department on the banks of the Palar and the Cheyyar were damaged in about four places —Communication between Vellore and Katpadi by rail and road was cut off on the 29th night and 30th November. Cheyyar and Wandiwash were likewise cut off from all communications from outside for about two days. The Palar between Ranipet and Arcot became unfordable. In Vellore, Cheyyar and Wandiwash, there was considerable fear of a catastrophe but fortunately, the floods subsided without any loss of human life ; about 32 cattle were lost in a few villages in Wandiwash taluk.

About a dozen persons were marooned in the bungalows and houses in the fields and gardens near Vellore town and they were rescued on 30th November 1930 by the police, with the help of rafts got from Arcot for the purpose. The District Superintendent of Police, the Principal, Police Training School, and the Revenue Divisional Officer directed the rescue work.

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3. As regards the breaches of tanks, immediate intimation was given to the officers of the Public Works Department regarding the damaged works in charge of the Public Works Department. The Tahsildars were authorized to attend to the immediate closure of breaches in the tanks in charge of the Revenue Department, where the work is beyond the scope of 'Kudimaramat.' The extent of damage done to the minor irrigation sources in Wandiwash taluk is considerable, 131 tanks have breached and 31 have been damaged. I am making a special report to the Board about the additional allotment and the staff required to restore them as quickly as possible.

In a majority of the cases the minor breaches have been closed or ring bunds put up by the ryots themselves to retain some supply with a view to save the standing crops under the tanks.

4. The extent of damages done to crops and lands in Wallajah and Polur as the result of the breaches in tanks, etc., is negligible. In Cheyyar, the area of crops damaged and the extent of lands silted up with sand is small, while in Vellore, the damage done to lands and crops is estimated at about 1,050 acres in about half a dozen villages. The damage done in Wandiwash is considerable, the extent damaged being about 550 acres in 103 villages. The amount of remissions that may have to be granted in Wandiwash alone is estimated at about Rs. 28,000 while in the other taluks affected, it may amount to only a few thousands. Advances under the Land Improvement Loans Act will be made to the ryots where necessary to reclaim the lands that have been damaged by the floods.

5. The Thellar tank, which is a big irrigation source in charge of the Public Works Department, breached and the villagers of Thellar, had to evacuate their village and seek safety in Wandiwash town. Fortunately, there was no loss of life. In Wandiwash taluk, the number of mud or thatched houses damaged by the floods and rainfall is about 266, in about 46 villages, while in Vellore, it was about one hundred. The number of houses damaged in Cheyyar is only about fifteen while the reports from Wallajah and Polur do not show any such damage. The extent of property damaged is not considerable as the houses affected are all mud or thatched ones and the sufferers are all poor.

I have placed at the disposal of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cheyyar, a sum of Rs. 350 from the discretionary grant to give immediate relief to the poor sufferers who were rendered helpless at the time. A further allotment of Rs. 1,500 or 2,000 under the discretionary grant will be required on this account. In Wandiwash about 900 persons were given immediate relief by the donations raised by the public of the town for the purpose. In Vellore, the Municipal Council has appointed a relief committee to enquire into the condition of the affected persons and to give suitable relief to them. For this object, the Council has decided to contribute Rs. 2,000 from Municipal funds.

Free grant of building materials to the value of Rs. 560 has so far been sanctioned by me to 78 families in Vellore taluk. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Cheyyar, has taken steps to sanction similar grant of building materials to the sufferers in Cheyyar and Wandiwash taluks.

6. Detailed particulars of lands badly silted up, the extent over which the crops were damaged, the amount of remissions to be granted, the amount of additional allotment required under discretionary grant, etc., called for from the Tahsildars concerned have not yet been received. I shall report on these particulars in detail after the Christmas holidays.

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Reference—No. R. 6976/30-2, *dated 7th January* 1931.

Submitted to Government.

2. *Paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter—Additional allotment for relief measures.*—The Collector has been asked to report before 10th January 1931 the amount required under '47. R. j. Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous, and unforeseen charges—ii-- Miscellaneous,' as the charges incurred in connexion with the relief of distress are debitable to that head. His reply is awaited.

3. *Minor Irrigation Works—Repairs.*—The special report referred to in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter is awaited. The Collector is requested to report not later than 12th January 1931 what additional allotment he requires during the current official year for repairs to Minor Irrigation works damaged by the floods.

4. The detailed report promised by the Collector in paragraph 6 of his letter is awaited.

5. The Collector is requested to report in due course the value of building materials granted free to the deserving poor in Vellore, Cheyyar and Wandiwash taluks.

II

Reference from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement), No. 6976/30-3, dated 12th January 1931.

[Floods—North Arcot—Damage—Collector's further report submitted.]

READ—the following paper :—

Letter from T. B. RUSSELL, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of North Arcot, dated 8th January 1931, R.O.C. No. E. 8-14968/30.

[*Reference.*—My letter R.O.C. No. E. 8-14968/30, dated 23rd December 1930.]

'In continuation of my report quoted above, I submit herewith a statement showing the particulars of the damage caused by the floods, prepared with reference to the final reports received from the Tahsildars.

2. As already reported in my letter R.O.C. No. E. 5-15066/30, dated 6th January 1931, no additional allotment or staff is required during the current year in connexion with the restoration of the damaged Minor Irrigation sources in charge of the Revenue Department. I am addressing the Board separately regarding the additional allotment and staff required in 1931-32 to repair the damaged works before the next monsoon.

3. The Board having ordered that charges in connexion with the relief of distress caused by the recent floods should be debited to '47. R. j. Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges—ii. Miscellaneous' and not to 'discretionary grant,' an allotment of Rs. 1,250 under '47. R. j. Miscellaneous—Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges, etc.,' has been applied for in my letter R.O.C. No. E. 9-5086/30, dated 8th January 1931. In applying for an allotment for Rs. 1,250, I have taken into consideration the fact that the Taluk Board, Cheyyar, has already addressed the Government for the grant of a sum of Rs. 1,000 from the Taluk Board funds to grant relief to the distressed.

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Reference—No. H. 6976/30-3, *dated* 12*th January* 1931.

Submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Reference No. H. 6976/30-2, dated 7th January 1931.

2. The Board has called for a complete report from the Collector. A further report will be submitted to Government on receipt of the Collector's report.

3. The Board requests that Government will be pleased to sanction, at an early date, an allotment of Rs. 1,250 under '47 R.j. Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges—ii. Miscellaneous'.

4. The report promised in paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter read above is awaited.

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Enclosure

Statement showing the particulars of taluks breached, property damaged, etc., during the floods—North Arcot district.

District.	Taluk.	Number of villages or hamlets affected.	—		Estimated value of other property destroyed or damaged.	Number of cattle lost.	Number of lives lost.	Number of tanks breached and damaged.		Probable amount of remissions that may have to be granted on account of flood damages.	Approximate area and cost of reclamation of the silted up area.		Number of dead bodies.
			Number of houses damaged or destroyed.	Extent of crops damaged.				Minor Irrigation.	Public Works Department.		Area.	Approximate cost of reclamation.	
				ACS.	RS.					RS	ACS.	RS.	
North Arcot.	Cheyyar	134	161	323	4,450	825	1	76	115	2,080	139	7,000	..
	Wandiwash	148	266	549	4,592	32	..	159	65	27,733	549*	..	..
	Polur	..	..	8	..	..	..	25	18	80	5	500	..
	Wallajah	42	97	127	700	528	..	19	30	1,100	33	1,300	..
	Vellore	45	413†	438	4,617	255	2	13	5	300	24‡	2,750	..
	Arkonam	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	369	937§	445	4,359	1,640	3	293	233	31,293	750	11,550	..

* The silting up of the area is reported to be not serious. Many applications are not expected to be received for State aid.
† Only walls fell down and they were built up.
‡ Area affected is being reclaimed.
§ Almost all the houses damaged or destroyed were only huts, with mud walls.